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# Police on bar patrol

**Downtown.** HRP  
stepping up visibility  
to cut down on  
alcohol-related crimes

When you head downtown to the bar this summer, you might notice a few extra people there: police.

Halifax Regional Police are revamping their Downtown Safety Strategy in an effort to reduce alcohol-related crimes in the core.

The strategy, which started last weekend and runs until October, will have targeted police patrols in the bar region from midnight to 5 a.m. Thursday to Saturday. Sundays will also be included on long weekends.

An HRP press release put out Wednesday stated that the majority of assaults on Peninsular Halifax occur in the downtown bar district on weekends in the early-morning hours.

"The message we want out is that this type of behaviour — fighting and being really (drunk) in public — is not going to be accepted," said Const. Brian Palmeter.

Officers on the downtown beat will wear traffic vests so

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- The strategy will also include a focus on enforcing vehicle-related infractions like impaired driving, failing to yield to pedestrians and permitting a person to enter or exit a vehicle other than at the curb.

they are more visible and can be more engaged with the public. They will also walk through bars to look for individuals who have had too much to drink.

According to the strategy, police will request that those involved in violent incidents be added to the Patron Accountability Safety and Services (PASS) program list so they are barred from all participating venues.

More public-disturbance charges will be laid for fighting and released individuals charged with a violent offence will now be under more strict conditions.

"We want downtown to be safe for everyone to enjoy. People going downtown and getting into fights affects the people's view of our downtown and it's got to stop," said Palmeter.

Officers on the downtown beat will wear traffic vests so



## THE DEVIL'S LUCK

Despite Los Angeles Kings' goalie Jonathan Quick's fast hands, L.A. couldn't complete the sweep on Wednesday as the New Jersey Devils came out with a 3-1 win to extend the Stanley Cup final. Story, page 37. HARRY HOW/POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Power

## Halifax Water wants expanded biomass facility

The idea of burning human waste to power your home may not appeal to most, but that's exactly what the Halifax Regional Water Commission has plans to do.

In a report coming for the municipality's environment standing committee on Thursday, Halifax Water outlined its plans to expand the biosolids processing plant near the Halifax Stanfield International Airport to generate energy.

According to the commission's plans, 80 per cent of that energy would be sold to Nova Scotia Power Inc. under the province's Community Feed-In Tariff (COMFIT) program. The remaining 20 per cent would be used to power the facility.

James Campbell, a spokesman for the water commission, said the project is still two or three years from

getting going. "What we're looking to do is actually use the biosolids, mix it with biomass, for example waste wood, to generate heat and electricity," said Campbell on Wednesday. "It's all subject to approval ... it's all preliminary at this point."

According to the staff report, the expansion would increase the amount of biosolids processed at the facility from 30,000 tonnes per year to 120,000 tonnes per year. The increase would include about 45,500 tonnes of biosolids.

The plan still requires approval from the province's Utility and Review Board, as well as the board of Halifax Water. Campbell explained that the plan was coming before the municipality because the application is made under the municipal stream of COMFIT projects. An application for COMFIT eligibility has already been filed with the province, Campbell said.

If approved, the commission could sell the energy at a rate of \$0.175 per kilowatt hour.

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Sarah Creelman from the Prince George Hotel is reflected in a glass window as she takes part in the annual Clean Sweep of downtown Halifax on Wednesday morning. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

## Education. Program for gifted students could wrap up in 2014

The Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board plans to phase out a program for exceptional students, much to the chagrin of current and former participants.

If the board follows through on its plans, the program will end after the current Grade 10 class of the International Baccalaureate program graduates in 2014.

Herring Cove Road

## Man arrested after assault

Police are investigating a serious assault that happened on Herring Cove Road Wednesday night. Police found a 37-year-old man with a serious head injury. A 40-year-old man was arrested. METRO

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## Lobby group says small businesses' confidence down

The Atlantic branch of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business said small and medium-sized businesses' confidence dipped in May. METRO

**Spic and Span.** More than 120 volunteers and 22 teams took part in 18th annual street-cleaning day in Halifax

ANDREW CALEY  
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If you thought you saw some superheroes cleaning the streets of downtown Halifax yesterday, you were right.

The Spic-and-Span Superheroes from Scotiabank were one of 22 teams and over 120 volunteers to take part in the 18th Annual Clean Sweep, hosted by the Downtown Halifax Business Commission.

"It's good to raise awareness and make our city look good, for not only for

visitors to our city, but ourselves as well," said volunteer Pam Sampson. "We got a pretty clean section of the city, but I am blown away by how many cigarette butts we have cleaned up."

The teams collected a combined 32 bags of garbage, 12 bags of recycling and six bags of compost. The award for most interesting garbage item found was a microwave.

"We found some rose petals outside a flower shop, but they looked nice so we left them alone," laughed Wes Hawley another superhero from Scotiabank said.

The Prince George Hotel Flamers were another team decked out in some eye-catching attire, wearing white plastic bags and red wigs.

"We chose the outfits because they were fun. It's for a good cause, keeping the

Clean up Dartmouth:

The Main Street Business Association in Dartmouth is hosting The Great Main Street Pick-Me-Up on Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

city clean and we are happy to be a part of it," said Joy Gerroir. "This is my second year being involved and I'll be back next year too."

Downtown Halifax Business Commission spokesperson Ivy Ho was pleased with the turnout.

"The event was absolutely great. The rain held off, and all the teams showed up. We had even more volunteers than last year."

Next year Ho said she'd like the Clean Sweep to coincide with the provincial clean-up campaign Clean Across Nova Scotia.



## NEWS

On the web

## Mammoth find in Iowa backyard

An Iowa man has made an unusual discovery in his backyard, piquing the interest of experts who study prehistoric life. Over the past two years, most of an entire woolly-mammoth skeleton has been found on his property. Watch the excavation of a 14,000-year-old creature at metronews.ca.

Mobile news



A week after Mitt Romney's embarrassing 'America' typo that gave endless fodder to Twitter users and late-night talk-show hosts, the conservative campaign has misspelled once again. Scan the code to read about Romney's latest incident.

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## Auditor general. Lapointe says province has done poor job on recommendations

Nova Scotia's auditor general says the province has done a poor job of implementing his office's recommendations and needs a better system to track compliance by departments.

Jacques Lapointe reiterated his concerns contained in a report released last week in an appearance Wednesday before the legislature's public accounts committee.

The report says 63 per cent of 481 recommendations made between 2005 and 2009 have been implemented.

Lapointe says that rate is inadequate and indicates a lack of commitment from senior management in government departments.

He says information used to track the status of 16 per

**Failing grade**

**63**

The percentage of 481 recommendations that have been implemented, according to the auditor general's report. The recommendations were made between 2005 and 2009

cent of the recommendations made in the past three years was either incomplete or inaccurate — an error rate he says is high.

Lapointe says either the cabinet or the Treasury Board has to take on more of the responsibility of ensuring departments act on his recommendations.

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## Community facility. Much interest in North End's Bloomfield Centre

Over 450 staff people and 1,850 volunteers want to call the North End's Bloomfield Centre home.

A survey of 120 organizations, businesses, and community organizations conducted by the volunteer-run Imagine Bloomfield group found that there was much interest in keeping the former school in the community's hands.

"We know that there are several residential developments happening in the area, and there will be a real need for community organizations, non-profit societies and small businesses to have affordable, shared space."

Susanna Fuller, co-chair, Imagine Bloomfield

Bloomfield Centre Council adopted a plan for the facility in 2008, which included arts and cultural spaces, affordable housing and commercial activity on the site.

According to the group, the centre houses eight tenant groups and is used by approximately 500 community groups, bringing in \$110,000 in revenue a year.

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**Quoted**

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**Millville.** Police say female attack victim in critical condition, male suspect in serious condition

Cape Breton Regional Police are investigating a domestic dispute that left a female victim in critical condition and a male suspect in serious condition.



The Atlantic premiers field questions at a news conference during their annual meeting in Brudenell, P.E.I., on Wednesday.

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police responded to a home on Mill Pond Road in Millville shortly after 10 a.m. after receiving a 911 call from a neighbour.

Police believe a woman was attacked by a man who later inflicted stab wounds on himself and set fire to a garage that was attached to the split-level home.

On Wednesday afternoon, police tape cordoned off the property where a charred motorcycle could be seen amid

the remains.

Five police vehicles surrounded the property, including a police forensic identification unit vehicle.

Police interviewed several people Wednesday before determining it was a domestic-related incident.

The female victim was listed in critical condition and was undergoing surgery on Wednesday afternoon.

The male suspect involved is also at the hospital and was considered to

be in serious condition.

Police are working closely with the fire marshal's office. The investigation is continuing and charges are pending.

Members of the regional police major crime unit say the investigation is in its preliminary stages and more information will be released as it becomes available.

Police asking anyone with any information to phone 563-5151 or Crime Stoppers at 562-8477. CAPE BRETON POST

# Domestic dispute sends two to hospital

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## Premiers want more EI info

The Atlantic premiers say they want more information from Prime Minister Stephen Harper on proposed changes to the federal employment insurance program.

Premier Robert Ghiz of Prince Edward Island says they need a guarantee that the four Atlantic provinces won't be

disproportionately affected if the changes are implemented.

One of the proposed measures would require regular recipients of the EI program to consider lower-paying jobs that could require a commute of up to an hour and may be in unrelated occupations.

The premiers say such changes don't take into account the importance of seasonal industries in their region, such as farming, fishing and tourism.

After meeting today in Brudenell, P.E.I., the premiers agreed to send a letter to Harper calling on him to provide more information on the changes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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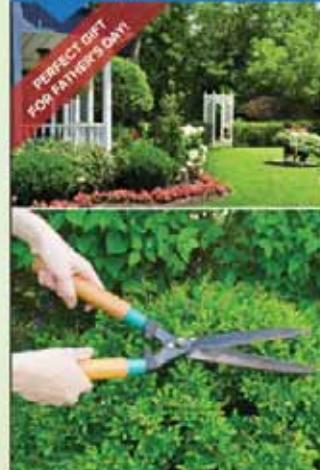
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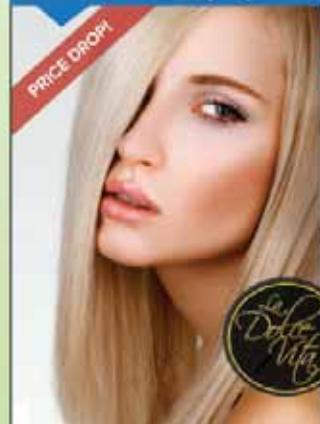


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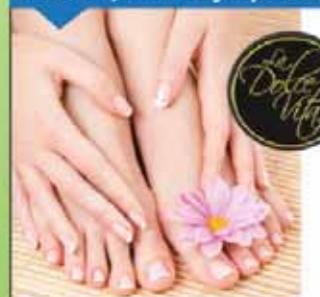


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## Water Commission

## Halifax Water plans turbine for Orchard Chamber site

The Halifax Regional Water Commission is considering trying an energy conservation method never before seen in the province.

The utility wants to put a turbine inside the water-line at the Orchard Control Chamber just off Highway 102. The turbine would generate electricity as water is pumped through the line.

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## Live auction

## Fashion Week events highlight Canadian talent

Celebrating Canadian designers both established and up-and-coming, local and national, the sixth annual Atlantic Fashion Week main attractions begin tonight at Casino Nova Scotia.

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## Protected lands

## N.S. names new wilderness areas

Nova Scotia has designated two regions in Cumberland County as wilderness areas, helping the province with its goal of protecting more land.

Kelley River and Raven Head are the province's newest wilderness areas.

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## Historic sailing vessel

## Lunenburg seeks Bluenose info

Members of town council in Lunenburg are calling on the Nova Scotia government to be more transparent on the launch of the Bluenose II.

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## Friendly competition. Students test War of 1812 knowledge

Seventh-grader Baden Mercer's favourite fact about the War of 1812 is that it is still disputed about who really won.

Merger and his classmates from Caledonia Junior High used this and other facts to try and earn themselves a more convincing win against students from Prince Andrew High School in a quiz-show style competition at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic Wednesday. It was also the Historica-Dominion Institute's launch of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Education Campaign.

The friendly competition between the neighbouring Dartmouth schools focused on the major conflict between Canada and the United States and it is

the first of many activities coming up to help young people learn about what happened 200 years ago, said senior manager Brigitte d'Auzac.

This includes a national online quiz, a new website with an interactive timeline and new heritage minutes that will be launched on television in the fall, she said.

Giving students the ability to learn about the War of 1812 is so important because it defines Canada as it is today, said d'Auzac.

"I think in schools we might not talk about it as much as we should. And events like this can get teenagers to get excited to learn about the War of 1812, and we think this a fun and



Caledonia Junior High student Baden Mercer answers a question at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic during a War of 1812 quiz show on Wednesday. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

interactive way in which to do this."

Merger agreed, despite being a bit nervous.

"I had a good breakfast and I'm all set to get up on stage and answer some questions," he smiled. ANDREW CALEY/FOR METRO

## Fear factor

A study done by the Historica-Dominion Institute in February listed the most feared possible outcomes for Canadians if the American conquest had been successful.

- 60 per cent feared sharing U.S. politics and government.
- 18 per cent feared American gun laws.
- Six per cent feared sharing citizenship with the cast from Jersey Shore

## Pride to celebrate LGBTQ progress

## 25 years. Organization gears up for anniversary parade and events

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It wasn't so long ago that gays and lesbians risked their jobs, homes and reputations just for being seen participating in a Halifax Pride parade.

Sporting a paper bag with eye-holes cut in it, queer historian Chris Aucoin reminded the audience gathered at a media launch at the Atlantica Hotel

Wednesday night of the lengths some used to go to keep their identities secret.

But after 25 years of advocacy, organization and community, Master of Ceremonies Neville Mackay said the focus of the Halifax Pride Festival this July is on celebrating a history of achievements and the progress the gay community has made.

"This is an incredible time for a lot of young folks," said Mackay. "They've never known a time when being gay was a big deal."

Dan Mackay, no relation to Neville, and one of Halifax's most well-known LGBTQ figures, will be the Grand Marshall for the 25th anniversary "Out Celebrating 25" parade, scheduled to begin July 28 at 2 p.m. Mackay helped start the city's first gay publication Gazebo in the mid '80s, is currently the publisher of LGBTQ magazine Wayves, and is founder of a volunteer-driven online encyclopedia of Halifax gay culture.

Speakers made several references to the April death of well-known Halifax Pride and Wayves contributor Raymond

## GayHalifax website

Dan Mackay, this year's Halifax Pride Parade Grand Marshall, started GayHalifax, a Wikipedia-esque webpage for Halifax's gay history and community events, 10 years ago.

- Currently, the site includes 1,500 articles about important people and milestones and it expands weekly.

Taavel, but Neville Mackay made no indication that his passing would be highlighted at events this year, adding that his legacy will always be a part of the organization and of the LGBTQ community.

Headlining musical acts for Pride Week include Kevin Wong, Young Kaii and The Melilotones. The annual Queer Acts theatre festival will be held at the Bus Stop on Gottingen Street July 19-22. A BLUE Colour party with a \$5 cover charge benefiting the organization is scheduled for Friday, June 8 at the MENZ Bar at 9:30.



A participant in the 2009 Pride Parade struts his stuff as he walks down Spring Garden Road in this file photo. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

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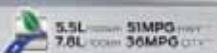
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# Notes prompt police to search for Magnotta connection to Vancouver

## Dismemberment case.

Investigators won't reveal content of messages found in body-parts packages, citing copycat fears

Police have revealed that body parts mailed to Vancouver schools were accompanied by notes — although they wouldn't elaborate on their content Wednesday.

Montreal police confirmed they had taken over an investigation into the packages mailed to British Columbia, thought to be linked to a dismemberment case that has attracted international attention.

Two hands, two feet and a torso have turned up in different cities over the last week. Montreal police said they are working to find the

missing head.

The suspected killer, former porn actor and prostitute Luka Rocco Magnotta, is in a German prison awaiting extradition back to Canada.

Police said the packages sent to Vancouver were accompanied by messages, as were packages received in Ottawa last week.

"There are some notes from the beginning, from the first package that we found in Ottawa," said Montreal police Cmdr. Ian Lafreniere.

"What was written on the notes, we kept that for ourselves."

He said police would be selective about the information they released because they didn't want to encourage any copycats.

Meanwhile, the parts from a still-unidentified victim were being transported by Vancouver police back to the city from which they were

mailed — Montreal.

Police were seeking to confirm the identity of the victim. They were also working to determine whether Magnotta had any personal connection to Vancouver.

Also on Wednesday, for a moment there was frenzied speculation that yet another human limb had been discovered in Montreal.

A passerby noticed what looked like a severed human foot sitting by a sidewalk in Montreal's west end, near the neighbourhood where Magnotta is accused of killing and dismembering a victim, Jun Lin.

Montreal police originally confirmed that the limb was human, but quickly corrected themselves when it turned out to be a rubber limb.

Police said the incident might warrant a criminal mischief charge.

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A Canada Post employee is seen delivering mail to St. George's School in Vancouver on Wednesday. The school received a package containing a human body part on Tuesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Academics fret about federal cuts to Fisheries

Scientific projects such as the development of disease-resistant salmon in New Brunswick and an examination of how climate change is affecting Ontario lakes could die on the vine because of cuts to the federal Fisheries Department, university researchers say.

The department is bracing for a \$79.3-million decrease in funding over the next three years as part of Ottawa's cost-cutting measures.

Officials have said research will still be done, though it will be refocused on what it says are areas that directly support conservation and fisheries management.

Federal scientists losing their positions say they aren't permitted to publicly discuss the cuts, but their colleagues in academia say valuable knowledge could be lost.

"These scientists have an incredible number of years of experience working on a

particular topic," says Elizabeth Boulding, a molecular ecologist at the University of Guelph.

"When I go in there with a project, we can get a lot more done in three or four years than we could possibly do without their assistance."

Boulding cites as an example her work with Brian Glebe, a biologist at the federal research centre in St. Andrews, N.B., whose position will be cut following

a program review last year. For seven years, they have worked to identify genes in salmon that resist infectious salmon anemia, a virus that can kill up to 90 per cent of the salmon it infects.

Dave Gillis, director general of the ecosystem science directorate at the Fisheries Department, said the decision to cut Glebe's position and other more recent budget reductions came after careful review. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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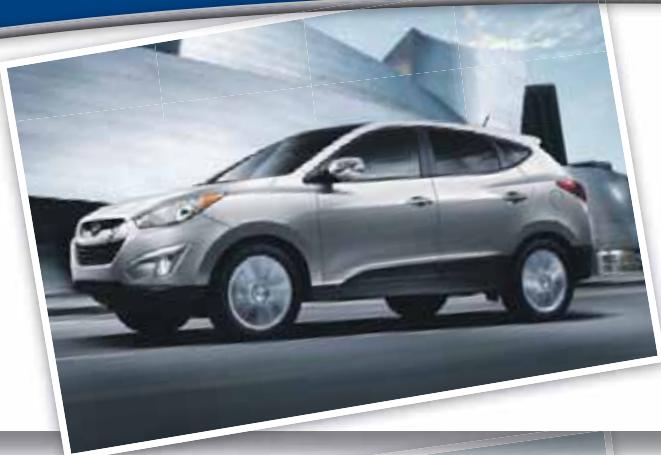
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## Carnage. Blood, bodies litter Kandahar market after suicide attack

Three suicide attackers blew themselves up in the largest city in southern Afghanistan Wednesday, turning a dusty marketplace into a gruesome scene of blood and bodies.

Twenty-two people were killed and at least 50 others wounded in the Kandahar bloodbath.

Taliban spokesperson Qari Yussef Ahmadi claimed responsibility for the attack in Kandahar, the spiritual birthplace of the insurgency.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai condemned the attack in innocent civilians.

He said it proved the "enemy is getting weaker.

because they are killing innocent people."

The explosion occurred about five kilometres from the main gate of the massive military installation run by the U.S.-led coalition and roughly 500 metres from an Afghan military base.

In the east, Afghan officials and residents said a pre-dawn NATO airstrike targeting militants killed civilians celebrating a wedding, including women and children.

But NATO said it had no reports of civilians being killed in the overnight raid to capture a local Taliban leader.

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Villagers gather Wednesday near a house destroyed during an apparent NATO raid in Logar province. **HSANULLAH MAJROH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Taliban bribing students to poison girls: Report

### Government claim.

Females paid \$1,000 to sneak toxic chemicals into school drinking water; many left sickened

The Afghan government accused the Taliban Wednesday of poisoning schoolgirls.

Taliban members were accused of bribing students and workers to sneak toxic chemicals into drinking water or spread it around school grounds, sickening scores.

In two cases, female students were said to have been paid almost \$1,000 to contaminate water tanks at their schools with toxic powder.

Fifteen suspects have been arrested, officials said.

Government officials said six schools were affected in northern Takhar province in the past three weeks.

Although they did not give a total number of girls who got sick, they said one school alone had 125 cases.



Afghan girls study their lessons at the Aziz Afghan Secondary School in Kabul. **RODRIGO ABDO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

President Hamid Karzai called for an investigation.

When the Taliban ruled Afghanistan, girls were banned from going to school.

After their 2001 ouster,

Taliban insurgents would attack schoolgirls by spraying their faces with acid.

Spokesperson Latifullah Mashal said the intelligence service discovered a conspir-

acy by militants to try to scare families from sending their children to school.

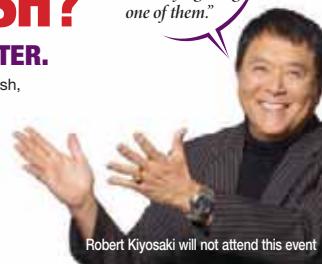
"They want to create terror and fear among students," said Mashal. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Airline hits out. Doomed plane was checked, this was no 'suicide mission'



Investigators climb over the tail of the airliner that crashed in Lagos, Nigeria, on Sunday. **JON GAMBRELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

A Nigerian airline whose airplane crashed defended itself Wednesday against growing public criticism.

Dana Air said its chief engineer died on the flight — which killed 153 on board and more on the ground.

The chief engineer "certainly would not have allowed that aircraft to take off" if there was a problem, said executive Francis Ogboro. "No airline crew would go on a suicide mission."

The plane underwent strenuous checks like the others the carrier owns and that he routinely flies, Ogboro added.

The MD-83 crashed in Iju-Ishaga, a neighbourhood about nine kilometres from

Murtala Muhammed International Airport in Lagos.

The flight's captain radioed Lagos as the aircraft approached and declared an emergency, saying both of the MD-83's engines had failed, Aviation Minister Stella Oduah said Wednesday.

The plane crashed minutes later.

Ogboro and others declined to speculate what could have made both of the aircraft's Pratt and Whitney engines go out.

Authorities have collected the doomed flight's voice and data recorders and will send them to the U.S. for analysis Thursday, Oduah said.

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### 200,000 names

A giant list of signatures blocks gay marriage in the state of Washington

Washington state's law allowing gay marriage was blocked from taking effect on Wednesday as opponents filed more than 200,000 signatures seeking a public vote on the issue in November.

Preserve Marriage Washington turned in the signatures just a day before the state was to begin allowing same-sex marriages.

"The current definition of marriage works and has worked," said Joseph Backholm, the chair of Preserve Marriage Washington.

The law was passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Chris Gregoire earlier this year.

State officials will review the signatures to determine whether they are enough to qualify for a public vote, though the numbers suggest the measure will make the ballot easily.

Gay marriage is legal in New York, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Washington, D.C.

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# Allied veterans attend 68th D-Day memorial

**Normandy.** International politicians and Second World War veterans join in the unveiling of war-hero monument

With Second World War-era military planes darting overhead and Normandy's Utah Beach visible in the distance, a bronze statue emerged from beneath a camouflage parachute, in tribute to a man whose quiet leadership was chronicled in the book and television series *Band of Brothers*.

The unveiling of the Colorado-made statue of Pennsylvania native Maj. Dick Winters was one of many events marking Wednesday's 68th anniversary.

## Nuclear Iran

### Israeli delegate accuses Tehran of nuclear deception

Israel's delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency accused Tehran on Wednesday of working secretly on nuclear weapons while pretending it does not want such arms, under a strategy of "deception, defiance and concealment."

Iran dismisses IAEA and international suspicions that it may have worked covertly on nuclear weapons and insists it has no interest in possessing such arms, saying its uranium enrichment program is geared toward generating nuclear fuel.



French President Francois Hollande shakes hands with a Second World War veteran.

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statue in the Normandy village of Sainte-Marie-du-Mont shows Winters with his weapon at the ready. But Winters — a native of Ephrata, Pa., who died last year at age 92 — only accepted serving as the statue's likeness after monument planners agreed to dedicate it to the memory of all junior U.S. military officers who served that day.

"There were many Dick Winters in this war, and all deserve the bronze and glory of a statue," said former Pennsylvania governor Tom Ridge, present as the bronze statue, draped in a camouflage parachute, was unveiled.

It was here that Winters and his small band of men dropped out of the sky on June 6, 1944, on a death-defying mission to destroy four German artillery guns.

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### The final voyage

The space shuttle Enterprise, a prototype that never flew in space, travels up the Hudson River by barge to its new home aboard the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum Wednesday in New York. The U.S. space agency, NASA, ended its shuttle program last year.

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## U.S.-South Korea

### Republicans urge renewal of nuclear agreement

Republican lawmakers are urging the U.S. to renew its civilian nuclear co-operation agreement with close ally South Korea.

The current 30-year pact, known as a 123 agreement, expires in 2014.

Rep. Donald Manzullo told a hearing that broadening the current pact would help South Korea develop a reliable source of energy.

### Obama 2012. Clinton goes public over disagreement

Is Bill Clinton deliberately sabotaging President Barack Obama? That was the big question in the U.S. capital on Wednesday, the day after the former president once again parted ways with the Obama campaign on a crucial election issue — the extension of the George W. Bush-era tax cuts.

Clinton, who's been campaigning for Obama ahead of the November election, told CNBC that those tax cuts

should be extended temporarily at the end of the year, even for the wealthiest Americans.

That's opposite to the Obama administration's approach to slashing the country's mammoth \$15.7-trillion US national debt. The White House wants those tax cuts to expire for Americans earning more than \$250,000 a year, saying the country's richest people must contribute to reining in deficits.

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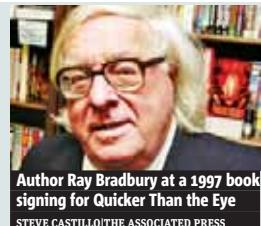
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## Obituary

## Sci-fi legend Ray Bradbury dies

Ray Bradbury, the science-fiction-fantasy master who transformed his childhood dreams and Cold War fears into telepathic Martians, lovesick sea monsters, and, in uncanny detail, the high-tech, book-burning future of *Fahrenheit 451*, died on Tuesday. He was 91.

His writings ranged from horror and mystery to humour and sympathetic



Author Ray Bradbury at a 1997 book signing for *Quicker Than the Eye*

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stories. Bradbury also scripted John Huston's 1956 film version of *Moby Dick*, wrote for *The Twilight Zone* and other programs including *Ray Bradbury Theater*.

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## Egypt

## Hosni Mubarak's health worsens

Hosni Mubarak's health sharply deteriorated Wednesday, days after he was sentenced to life in prison, and specialists were evaluating whether to transfer him to a better-equipped hospital outside the penal system, security officials said.

The deposed leader's health scare added to the uncertainty engulfing Egypt, where powerful political

groups are seeking to bar Mubarak's former prime minister from the presidential runoff and derail the election.

Officials at Cairo's Torah prison said the 84-year-old Mubarak's condition had moved to a "dangerous" phase and that doctors administered oxygen five times to help him breathe.

Mubarak was the only patient being treated in the prison hospital's intensive-care unit, which recently underwent a \$1-million U.S. renovation to prepare for his arrival.

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# Israel approves construction of settler homes

## A hollow compromise.

Palestinians enraged, settlers disappointed while State Department voices displeasure

## West Bank in crisis

Israel's prime minister accepted Wednesday's 69-62 vote despite widespread angst over the decision to transfer settlement buildings from Ulpana to Beit El.

- Internal Resistance. Settlers instead wanted the government to compensate Palestine for their unlawful occupation in Ulpana. They now vow to fight the decision.

- Reaction. Negotiator Saeb Erekat labelled the decision as a "grave development" while the U.S. State Department cautioned the move undermines the entire peace process.

Israel's prime minister on Wednesday ordered construction of 300 new homes in a West Bank settlement, a move aimed at placating settler anger over the planned demolition of an illegally built outpost nearby.

The decision infuriated the Palestinians, who have refused to conduct peace talks while Israel expands its settlements on occupied land. It also risked drawing an international backlash.

Netanyahu has been grappling with a domestic crisis over the unauthorized settlement outpost of Ulpana. The Supreme Court has ordered the five apartment buildings in the outpost to be removed by July 1 after determining they were built on private Palestinian land.

Netanyahu has said he would honour the ruling, while Jewish settlers and their hard-line allies in Netanyahu's government have vowed to resist the order. Netanyahu opposed the bill, saying it would likely be overturned by the Supreme Court and generate harsh international criticism.

In order to blunt settler an-

ger, Netanyahu has come up with a novel solution: Instead of demolishing the buildings, he plans on removing them from their foundations and transferring them to the nearby settlement of Beit El. In addition, he said he would build 300 more homes in Beit El.

"Israel is a democracy that observes the law, and as prime minister I am obligated to preserve the law and preserve the settlements, and I say here that there is no contradiction between the two," Netanyahu said.

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## Rockslide derails train service

An aerial view of the rockslide at the Gotthard rail tracks near Gurtellen, Switzerland, on Wednesday. Switzerland's main passenger rail connection to Italy has been cut for at least a month because of a rockslide in the Alps that has left one man missing.

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# U.S. defense secretary defends drone attacks



U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta inspects Indian troops during a welcoming ceremony in New Delhi on Wednesday. JIM WATSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Assad regime. China and Russia united on Syrian sanctions debate

The Obama administration is warning Syria that UN sanctions may be near, as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton headed Wednesday to Turkey to talk strategy with America's allies and look for a way to win Russia's support for a transition plan ending the Assad regime.

Russia and China, however, who have blocked such sanctions before, issued a joint statement reiterating their opposition to any imposing of "regime change" in the violence-wracked country, where some 13,000 people have died in more than a year of uprisings against President Bashar Assad's leadership, and a brutal government crackdown on the opposition.

The U.S. warning was delivered by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, who called for the world to exert "maximum financial pressure" on Assad's government. He argued that "strong sanctions can help hasten the day the Assad regime relinquishes power," but acknowledged that financial and diplomatic penalties alone cannot bring the needed political change.

In remarks Geithner



Russian President Vladimir Putin with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao.

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planned to deliver to a Friends of Syria group, he said that unless Syria demonstrates "meaningful compliance" with UN efforts to end the violence, the U.S. and other countries will "soon join in taking appropriate actions against the Syrian regime, including, if necessary, Chapter 7 action in the UN Security Council."

A Chapter 7 resolution authorizes actions that can ultimately include the use of military force.

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### Favour for a favour

## Walters says sorry for quid pro quo

Journalist Barbara Walters has apologized for trying to help a former aide to Syrian President Bashar Assad land a job in the U.S. after the woman, Sheherazad Jaafari, helped Walters set up an interview with Assad.

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### Libya

## Bomb explodes next to U.S. Consulate

Attackers set off a bomb next to a wall of the U.S. Consulate in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi Wednesday, the State Department said.

The blast underlined the unstable security situation in Libya, more than seven months after the death of deposed dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

It came two weeks before the country is scheduled to hold its first post-Gadhafi national elections. The State Department said that there were no injuries.

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**India.** Leon Panetta discusses volatile relationship with Pakistan, remains firm on U.S. military tactics

Just two days after a drone strike killed al-Qaida's second-in-command, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta made it clear Wednesday that such attacks

will continue as long as the U.S. needs to defend itself against terrorists that threaten America.

Speaking in India — on Pakistan's doorstep — Panetta unapologetically dismissed suggestions that the strikes could violate Pakistan's sovereignty.

"This is about our sovereignty as well," he said when answering questions from the audience after a speech at an Indian think-tank.

And he was blunt about

### Quoted

**"This is about our sovereignty, as well."**

Leon Panetta, U.S. defense secretary

the difficulties in the U.S. relationship with Pakistan, as insurgents continue to find safe haven there, despite repeated protests from American leaders.

"It's a complicated relationship, oftentimes frustrating,

oftentimes difficult." Panetta said. "They have provided some co-operation. There are other times when frankly that co-operation is not there. But the United States cannot just walk away from that relationship. We have to continue to do what we can to ... find some mutual co-operation."

Panetta's message is likely to reverberate in Pakistan, particularly since it was delivered in India — its long-standing arch rival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Miss USA Pennsylvania claims contest is rigged



Miss Pennsylvania Sheena Monnin has resigned from the pageant.

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**Trump and pageantry.** Sheena Monnin says she quit the contest because it was fixed while others charge it was her opposition to transgender contestants.

The Miss USA pageant representative from Pennsylvania resigned her crown, claiming the contest is rigged, but according to organizers the beauty queen was upset over the decision to allow transgender contestants to enter.

A posting on Miss Pennsylvania Sheena Monnin's Facebook page claims another contestant learned the names of the top five finishers on Sunday morning — hours before the show was broadcast.

Monnin claims the other contestant told her the names of the top five she spotted on a planning sheet for the telecast — and she decided to step down as soon as those same contestants were named during

the show.

"In my heart I believe in honesty, fair play, a fair opportunity, and high moral integrity, none of which in my opinion are part of this pageant system any longer," Monnin wrote in one of her Facebook posts.

Monnin, of Cranberry, Butler County, did not immediately respond to a Facebook message from The Associated Press.

Donald Trump, who runs the Miss Universe Organization, called Monnin's claims that the pageant was fixed "totally ridiculous" in a live interview Wednesday on ABC's Good Morning America, and said the pageant organization plans to sue Monnin for making the "false charge."

Pageant organizers confirmed Monnin resigned, but said it wasn't for the reason she claimed.

According to a statement from the Miss Universe Organization, the contestant who Monnin claimed saw the sheet vehemently refuted Monnin's account.

## Reaction

**"We're going to be suing her now.... She made a false charge"**

Donald Trump, Miss USA Pageant co-owner, reacting to Sheena Monnin's claims

The statement includes text from an email organizers said Monnin sent citing the decision to allow transgender contestants into the competition as the reason she's resigning.

A transgender contestant was initially denied entry to the Miss Universe Canada pageant, but Trump subsequently overruled that decision.

Miss Rhode Island, the pageant's winner, Olivia Culpo, told WPRO-AM she knew Monnin "fairly well" because contestants were often positioned alphabetically by state. She said Monnin's original resignation was based on her stance on the pageant's policy on transgender contestants and called it "strange" that Monnin is now saying something else.

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## The clap. Gonorrhea becoming drug-resistant

A potentially dangerous sexually transmitted disease that infects millions of people each year is growing resistant to drugs and could soon become untreatable, the World Health Organization said Wednesday.

The United Nations' health agency is urging governments and doctors to step up surveillance of antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea, a bacterial infection that can cause inflammation, infertility, pregnancy complications and, in extreme cases, lead to maternal death. Babies born to mothers with gonorrhea have a 50 per cent chance of developing eye infections that can result in blindness.

"In a couple of years it will

have become resistant to every treatment option we have available now," said Dr. Manjulay Lusi-Narasimhan, adding the new guidance is aimed at ending complacency about gonorrhea and encouraging researchers to speed up their hunt for a new cure. Once considered a scourge of sailors and soldiers, gonorrhea — known colloquially as the clap — became easily treatable with the discovery of penicillin. Now, it is again the second most common sexually transmitted infection after chlamydia. With 106 million infections annually, it also increases the chances of infection with other diseases, such as HIV. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Tourism boost?

### Boring and dull join forces

The town of Boring, Oregon, is now "a pair for the ages" with the Scottish village of Dull.

The Boring Community Planning Organization, which approved the gesture from one oddly-named town to another, hopes the pub

licity and sale of Dull and Boring T-shirts will boost tourism.

The Oregonian reports the Boring declaration wishes "continued freedom, successful commerce, safety and prosperity for each community and its residents."

The 72-year-old great-grandson of the town namesake, Bob Boring, said he liked the partnership with Dull. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Investigation

## Reports suggest 6 million LinkedIn passwords stolen

Business social network LinkedIn said it is investigating reports that more than six million passwords have been

stolen and leaked onto the Internet. Although LinkedIn did not confirm if any user data had been hacked or leaked, researchers at U.K. Web security company Sophos say they have confirmed that a file posted online does contain, in part, LinkedIn passwords "hashes."

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Technology

## Google to unveil new digital maps

Google is expected to unveil the latest improvements to its digital maps amid reports that the navigation service is about to lose its prized perch on Apple's iPhone and iPad.

The upgrades were scheduled for Wednesday in an event Google was billing as "the next dimension" for the world's most popular digital mapping service. The upgrades are happening at the same time Google is facing a potential challenge from a bigger company in Apple.

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# Apple iPhone drawing new rival: Report

**Mobile wars.** Windows Phone smartphones to surpass Apple iPhones by 2016, report suggests

A new eyebrow-raising report suggests an underdog in the mobile phone wars is just a few years away from overtaking Apple as the second largest smartphone seller in the world.

Sadly for Research in Motion, it's not the BlackBerry being heralded as a giant killer but Microsoft's Windows Phone platform, which research firm IDC says will surpass Apple's iPhones by 2016.

As of this year, Google's Android platform has the global lead with 61 per cent of the smartphone market, followed by Apple with 20.5 per cent, RIM at six per cent and Windows at 5.2 per cent, according to IDC.

By 2016, IDC sees Android at 52.9 per cent, Windows Phone at 19.2 per cent, Apple at 19 per cent and RIM down just a tenth of a percentage

Competition

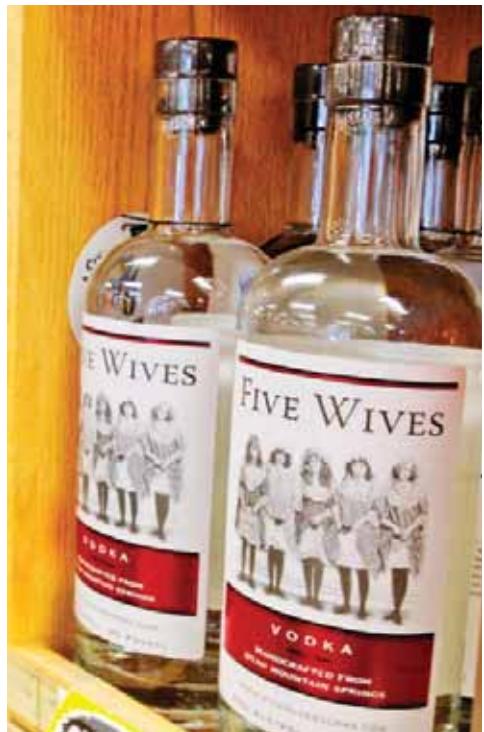
Weber wouldn't put a timeline on when Windows Phone could seriously rival Apple but said Nokia is looking to build off the positive press and user feedback the Lumias have received.

• "My view is there's only a few companies in the world who can do that and I see those today as Microsoft, Apple and Google," Weber said.

point to 5.9 per cent. The report was encouraging news for Chris Weber, Nokia's president of the North American market, who was in Toronto on Wednesday for the Canadian Telecom Summit.

If Windows Phone is to take off, its fortunes will largely be tied to the success of Nokia, which recently launched a line of competitively priced and well-reviewed smartphones under the Lumia brand.

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## Idaho remaining faithful

A law professor in Washington says he can't swallow Idaho's decision not to approve a vodka that makes a cheeky reference to polygamy. Jonathan Turley, a professor at George Washington University, is asking the state to reconsider its ban on Ogden's Own Distillery Five Wives Vodka, pictured above stocked at a state liquor store in Salt Lake City. BRIAN SKOLOFF/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# CHANNELLING TV'S FUTURE



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**NEWS ITEM:** Canadian television will expand by at least two stations this fall, further growing this country's vast TV universe and highlighting the importance of specialty stations. Here's a look at some of the proposed new channels that will soon be on Canadian airwaves:

**NHLPA Classic:** Just in time for this summer's expected labour dispute, National Hockey League Players' Association Classic brings you the greatest highlights from the 1994-95 and 2004-2005 work stoppages! Relive the greatest compromises and toughest stonewalling! See Goodenow and Bettman one on one! See classic meetings like the nine-hour February 9, 2005, spectacular! See highlight shows like Bettman's Top 10 Attempts at a Smile! "NHLPA Classic: Because it's the Cash."

**Fox News Canada:** Made by Canadians against Canadians, Fox News Canada provides a fair and balanced look at the pot-smoking, war-avoiding, gay-embracing atheists that make Canada the moral cesspool it is today. Not to be confused with Sun TV, which is patriotic and cheap, Fox News Canada will spend top dollar to let you know that your country sucks. Shows will include The O'Leary and O'Leary Exchange and NDP: Ties to Terror?

**Canadian Beauties Corporation:** Featuring the best in Canadian exotic dancers from Tracadie to Red Deer, CBC will be equipped with a special "Panic Button" that immediately changes the screen to what appears to be an episode of Mass for Shut-ins.

**Gord!, or PBS (Pinset Broadcasting Station), will have a 100 per cent commitment to the most Canadian of names."** Gord!: According to strict CanCon guidelines, Canadian television is already 65 per cent Gordon-related, but Gord!, or PBS (Pinset Broadcasting Station), will have a 100 per cent commitment to the most Canadian of names. Gordon Pinset, Gord Downie, Gordon Sinclair, Gordie Howe — they're all here! Even Gord Stellick! Programming includes And Howl!, Pinset-a-Go-Go and Star Trek: Gord.

**OLN (Obese Loafers Network):** Responding to this country's changing attitudes toward fitness, the Obese Loafers Network will appeal to the average Canadian's inner couch potato, which in most cases is hidden under many, many layers of outer couch potato. Home to best-in-class events like the Halifax Lounge-A-Thon and the Boston Pizza-eating Marathon, OLN will be the leader in inaction television.

**CPAC Extreme:** CPAC Extreme, or CPAC, is just like normal CPAC, but with crazy angles and kickin' hosts, and the lady in the sign-language bubble is hot, hot, HOT!!! It's your No. 1 destination for parliamentary videos, live performances and more Hansard than you can handle! Go online to get your "hear, hear" ringtone!

And that's where the future of Canadian television lies. So switch on, tune in and stand proud, Canada. You're a beautiful country that always seems like it might self-destruct at any moment. You were made for television.



Already on board with Gord: Gordon Pinset, centre, poses with Blue Rodeo's Greg Keelor, left, and Travis Good of the Sadies in April. The trio collaborated on an album based on poems written by Pinset. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Only built for Cuban streets



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## CanCon

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## Upcycling

## Bike maker shifts into high gear

Felix Guirola waves to people as he takes his self-made 3.45-metre-tall bicycle for a spin through downtown Havana on May 18.

Guirola has been riding tall since 1983, when seeing a tandem bike inspired him to build up instead of out.

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## Climbing aides

Felix Guirola climbs up his tall bike as people help steady it as he prepares to take it for a ride.

- Guirola said his first tall bike measured 1.6 metres high.
- The bikes got progressively taller until five years later he was riding more than three times as high in the air at Ciego de Avila carnivals.



## Top to bottom

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The height, in metres, of the Cuban's tallest handmade bike.



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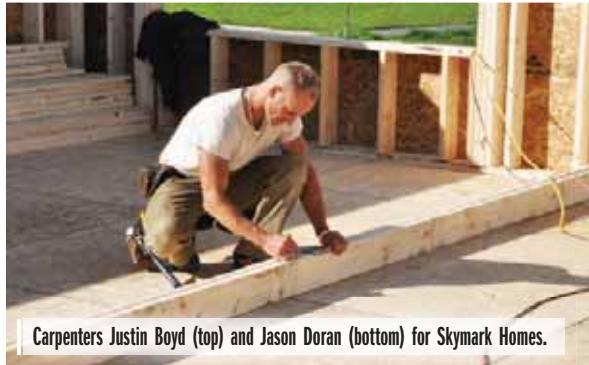
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The sky is the limit with Skymark Homes.



Carpenters Justin Boyd (top) and Jason Doran (bottom) for Skymark Homes.

# SKYMARK HOMES SETS UP SHOP IN HALIFAX

## ALTHOUGH NEW TO THE HALIFAX AREA, SKYMARK HOMES ISN'T NEW TO THE HOME CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

The award-winning builder's roots date back more than 20 years in Newfoundland, but it recently expanded its operations to here.

"We see some real opportunity for all of Halifax," says Evan Collins, the general manager of Skymark Homes. He says Skymark was looking to expand beyond Newfoundland and with the \$25 billion shipbuilding project announcement, Halifax was a natural fit for a place to set up shop.

Collins brings a wealth of experience to the company. Formally trained in construction management from the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology (NSIT), he's worked

in the construction industry for a decade and has been involved in building more than 500 homes since that time.

Building homes is also something that runs in his family.

"My grandfather started building in 1947," says Collins. "Since then, every generation of my family has been building homes. It's a family tradition."

For its projects, Skymark sources local crews to do the work.

"We use all local building suppliers, trades, land developers," says Collins. "We're completely local."

Skymark carefully selects the crews it

works with, helping ensure homes are constructed correctly, right from the start.

This local focus is also part of the company's commitment to reducing the carbon footprint of every home and helping support the local economy.

At present, Skymark has 75 lots available for building homes. These homes are located all across HRM, in communities

such as Bedford, Sackville, Hammonds Plains, Fall River and Tantallon.

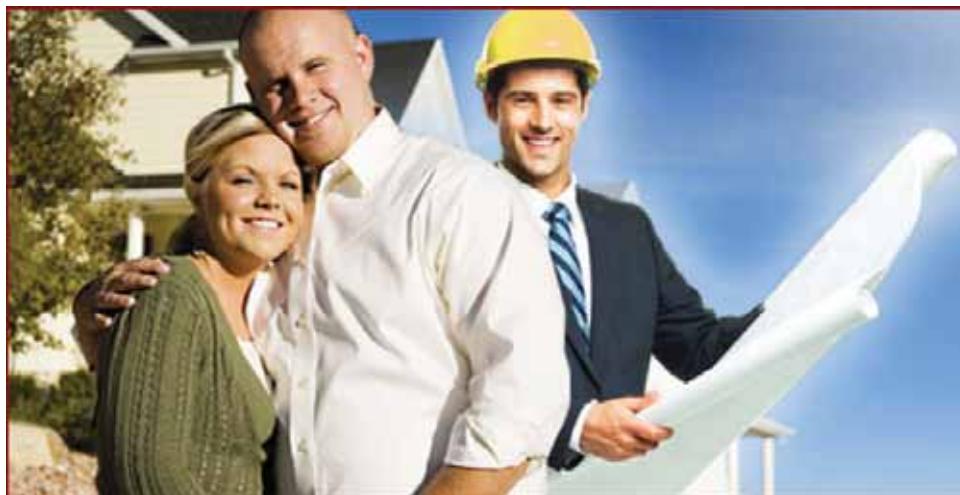
"We have lots of inventory to meet the housing demand," says Collins.

Skymark offers homes that belong in the mid-\$250,000 price range to over \$400,000 and these homes cover everything from the first-time homebuyer to the executive buyer.

### AN AWARD-WINNING BUILDER

Skymark Homes has built up an impressive resumé in its 20-plus year history and has won many awards during that time. Some of the awards it has won include:

- Marketing Excellence 2007 – Canadian Home Builders' Association
- Most Innovative Website 2007 and 2008 – Canadian Home Builders' Association
- Builder of the Year 2007 – Canadian Home Builders' Association
- Builder Member of The Year 2010 – Craig Williams, Canadian Home Builders' Association
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# THE SKYMARK ADVANTAGE

## SKYMARK HOMES HAS A GOAL OF BEING A PREMIER HOME BUILDER IN THE HALIFAX AREA

Incorporating energy-efficient features into its homes and using only the most experienced crews, Skymark builds beautiful homes that are designed to meet people's needs today and into the future.

Here are five reasons why you should consider having your home built by Skymark:

### 1 UNLIMITED SITE VISITS

With some builders, people are only allowed a limited number of site visits. "Our philosophy is just the opposite," says



Evan Collins, Skymark's general manager. "Building a home is an exciting process and for most people, it's going to be the biggest investment they make, so they want to be involved from day one and we want them to be involved." Skymark does not place any limitations on the number of visits it allows. It just asks that for safety reasons, the homeowner conduct the site visits with the designated project manager.

### 2 DESIGNATED PROJECT MANAGER

All of Skymark's homes have a designated project manager whose job is to work with the client throughout the entire building process and is responsible for everything from doing site visits of the home to walking the lot with the client to determine where exactly to build their new home.

### 3 TECHREADY HOMES

Skymark's homes are TechReady, meaning they are properly wired for both current and future technology. This provides "maximum flexibility for users to move voice, data and video services throughout the home" explains the TechReady website, [techready.ca](http://techready.ca), which is a partnership between Bell Aliant and various home builders' associations.

### 4 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AUDITS

Before construction begins, Skymark sends its house plans to an independent energy-efficiency expert to provide estimates for how much a home's monthly heating and cooling costs will be. Calculations are also made to determine how these values would change through upgrading certain

pieces of equipment. "One of the things we like to say is that energy efficiency shouldn't cost you money, it should save you money," says Collins.

### 5 CONSTRUCTION TOURS

"Often times, builders will showcase their finished homes, the finished product," says Collins. "We feel this is very important, but we also feel it's very important people see what is behind the walls. We have five different stages of completion where we'll take people through the home so that they can see the progress." The five stages are when the foundation is poured, the house is framed, the rough-in stage (where the plumbing and electrical work are done), insulation and drywall.



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This is something it refers to as your land, your plans and our plans.

The Your Land option refers to how if you have the land to build your new home, you can simply hire Skymark to be the builder for it. Skymark offers free quotes, so if somebody brings them a building plan, they will be able to come up with a quote.

If you have the plans for your dream homes, Skymark can help turn it into a reality. Whether you are looking to build on Skymark's land or your land, Skymark can transform Your Plans into your new home.

The final option is Our Plans. As an experienced homebuilder with more than 20 years of experience building homes, Skymark literally has hundreds of designs available to choose from.

"We have a plan portfolio of a few hundred plans of every size, shape and styles," says Evan Collins, Skymark's

general manager. (Some of these plans can be viewed online at [skymark-homes.ca](http://skymark-homes.ca).)

One of the great features included in every Skymark home is that at the design stage of the home, a designer will work with the client to make sure the plans are exactly what they want.

"Our goal when working with our clients is to design their new home in a way that maximizes the liveability of a home and maximizes the entertaining area and storage space," says Collins.

"We'll tweak any of the house plans," he adds, noting that there is no extra charge for the additional design time on the home plans.

Skymark's new office, located at 2 Bluewater Rd in Bedford, offers an inviting place for home buyers to come in and select colors and styles for those finishing touches in a new home.



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### SKYMARK HOMES IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING HOMES WITH A REDUCED CARBON FOOTPRINT

The company does many things to turn this vision into a reality.

"All of our homes are EnerGuide rated," says Evan Collins, Skymark's general manager.

EnerGuide is a rating of a home's energy performance. Skymark builds its homes to an EnerGuide rating of 83, which means it is viewed as an energy-efficient new house.

To get this 83 rating, some of the building features include using R-50 attic insulation, low-E argon windows, energy-efficient windows and doors, as well as insulation under the basement's concrete floor slab.

Skymark is also an Energy Star certified builder, making it one of the first in the province to be certified by this mark. Similar to the EnerGuide rating system, it is simply another measure of a home's

energy performance.

"All of the appliances, all of the mechanical systems in our homes have Energy Star certification," says Collins.

As a result of including energy-efficient features in the homes, Skymark is able to help defray some costs through rebates that the homebuyer will qualify for through the provincial government.

"We can guarantee people substantial rebates from the provincial government, ranging from \$3,000 to \$7,000, depending on the level of energy efficiency people are looking for in their homes," says Collins.

A home with an EnerGuide rating of 83 will qualify for \$3,000 in rebates.

Other green features that Skymark can incorporate into a home include installing a domestic solar hot water heater, adding a drain water recovery system which preheats the hot water before it goes into one's hot water tank, as well as installing solar panels on the roof.

For people who aren't quite ready to commit to putting solar panels on the roof, Skymark has a solution.

"One of the features that we can offer that is a fraction of the price of a fully

Evan Collins, the general manager of Skymark Homes, says the company places a strong emphasis on building homes that are energy efficient.



solar home is do a home so that it is solar ready," says Collins. "We actually put the wiring and the piping in the walls

so that the home is capable and ready to take solar panels and a solar system when the homeowners choose to do so."

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## PLACES TO START A FAMILY

Skymark Homes operates all across HRM and is not restricted to where it does business. At present, it is working on homes in a number of different subdivisions. Here's a quick snapshot of some of them:

### SUNSET RIDGE

Located in Middle Sackville, this neighbourhood features a mix of housing styles, such as single family, semi-detached, condominiums and townhouses. It is in close proximity to many schools, recreation facilities and the Cobequid Health Centre.

### BRUNELLO ESTATES

Found just off of exit 3 on Highway 103, Brunello Estates is a golf lover's dream. An 18-hole course designed by acclaimed Canadian architect, Tom McBroom, is under construction. Brunello Estates bills itself as offering "more than 500 acres of rolling, wooded landscape, all within the city limits and only 15 minutes from downtown." The plans are for 700 single family homes, as well as townhouses, apartments and condominiums.

### OAKEN HILLS

Located in Wellington, Oaken Hills offers proximity to the city, but seclusion as well. This community places a premium on outdoor living and highlights features such as mature trees and natural vegetation as part of this. Parkdale Developments Ltd. is the developer for this project.

### KINLOCH

Another Parkdale development, Kinloch is an excellent fit for water lovers. With many of the properties located by Kinsac Lake, the opportunities for recreation are limitless. As Parkdale's website says, "Come to life by the lake."

### KINGSWOOD NORTH

Minutes from Bedford, Kingswood North "offers large, acre plus, wooded home sites for your family to enjoy the beauty and nature from the comforts of your home," says Kingswood North's website. With numerous nearby schools and parkland, Kingswood North is the perfect place to raise a family.

### SHEDRAKE HEIGHTS

A hidden gem, this small subdivision is located off of Highway 103's exit four. With multiple schools nearby, as well as shopping and recreation facilities, Sheldrake Heights is a great place for families. Sheldrake Lake is also a plus.

## COMING SOON

Nestled in a tiny subdivision in Bedford, Skymark Homes will soon be starting six single-family homes which offer a great view overlooking Bedford. Located on Central Street, these homes will offer central living.

The homes will begin in the low \$300,000 price range. Call Al Chiasson with Royal LePage Anchor Realty at 209-0789 to find out about these charming properties.

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ing for selling a home and purchasing a new one doesn't always line up well, meaning that some people aren't able to buy the homes they want because they can't sell their own house in time.

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"It's been used by the builder numerous times in the past and it's worked out very well," says Chiasson.

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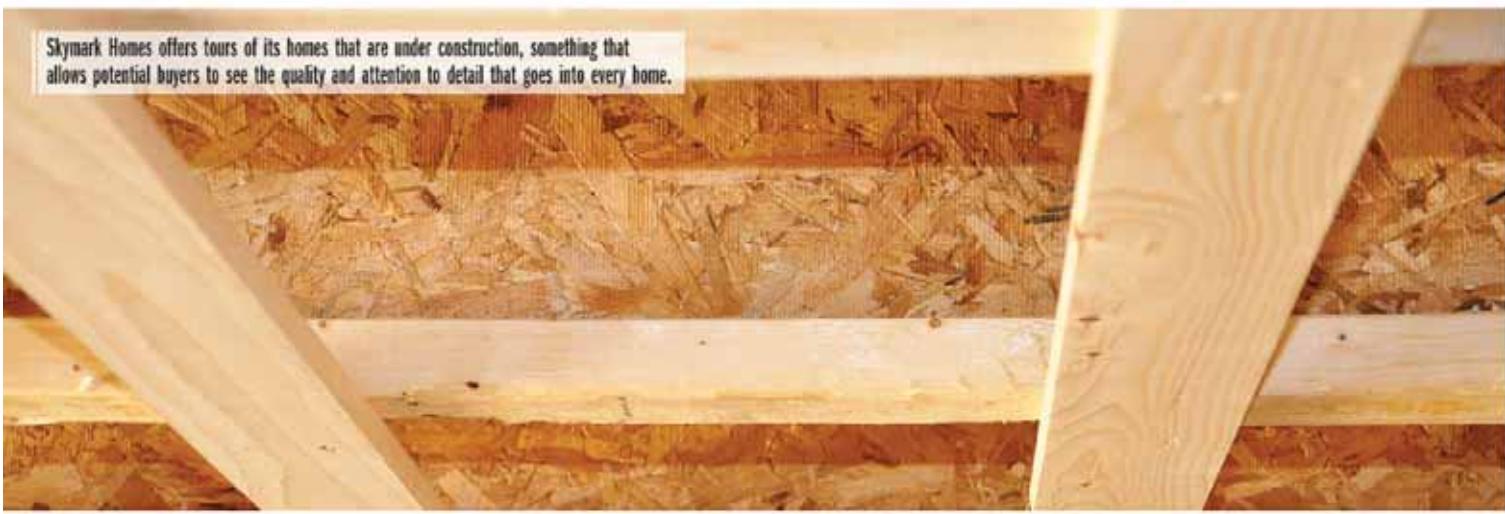
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# MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE

**WHEN DAVE PINSENT WAS LOOKING TO PURCHASE A NEW HOME, HE DID HIS FAIR SHARE OF RESEARCH TRYING TO FIND THE RIGHT BUILDER FOR THE PROJECT.**

In the end, he decided on Skymark Homes, a company with which he had a bit of familiarity.

Originally from Newfoundland, Pinsent recently transferred to Nova Scotia and moved with his wife, dog and soon-to-be newborn child.

Prior to coming to Nova Scotia, the

growing family was looking for a home in Newfoundland and had been through some of Skymark's open houses, where Pinsent was impressed by the quality of the work the company did.

"They took the time to do the little tiny, detailed work," says Pinsent.

Rather than just showing off the finished

product, Skymark offers staged open houses where they take people through Skymark's homes that are in different stages of completion. This allows prospective buyers to see what goes into the construction process and what lies behind the walls and beneath the floors.

When Pinsent started looking for a home

here, he was having a hard time finding the right home which had the right balance of quality and affordability. On the advice of his mortgage broker who recommended Skymark, Pinsent contacted Evan Collins, Skymark's general manager. (Prior to the recommendation, Pinsent was unaware that Skymark operated here as well.)

"I got along with Evan very well," says Pinsent, noting that he was easy to deal with and was committed to dealing with any hiccups or concerns that popped up along the way. "He's pretty focused with that."

At present, Pinsent's new single family, two-storey home is under construction in Sunset Ridge, a subdivision in Middle Sackville.

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Skymark Homes' team has plenty of industry experience.

The team is led by general manager, Evan Collins. Formally trained in construction management at the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology (NSIT), he's been involved in building over 500 homes over the last decade.

Building homes is something that runs in the family, as his grandfather started building homes in 1947. Since then, every generation of his family has built homes.

Also on the Skymark team is client care co-ordinator Rochelle Simpson, who has 15 years of experience in the industry. With this position, Simpson is responsible for taking clients through the process for selecting finishes, such as flooring, cabinets and lighting.

For Skymark's model homes, Simpson is the one who makes the finish selections. Attuned to industry trends, she is able to provide clients with invaluable insight into possible selections.

Simpson works at Skymark's office, located at 2 Bluewater Rd in the Atlantic Acres Industrial Park. The office hours are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., although times outside of those hours can be arranged.

"We are also able to meet on evenings and weekends to meet the needs of our clients' busy schedules," says Collins. One final member of the team is Heath Pierson, who is responsible for the day-to-day project management. With more than

15 years of experience in the construction industry, Pierson has an exceptional name in the industry.

"He gains the confidence and trust of our clients very quickly," says Collins, noting that he offers clear communication and is dedicated to helping Skymark's clients navigate the homebuilding process and is committed to their satisfaction.

Pierson also displays this same level of commitment with the contractors and suppliers that Skymark works with.

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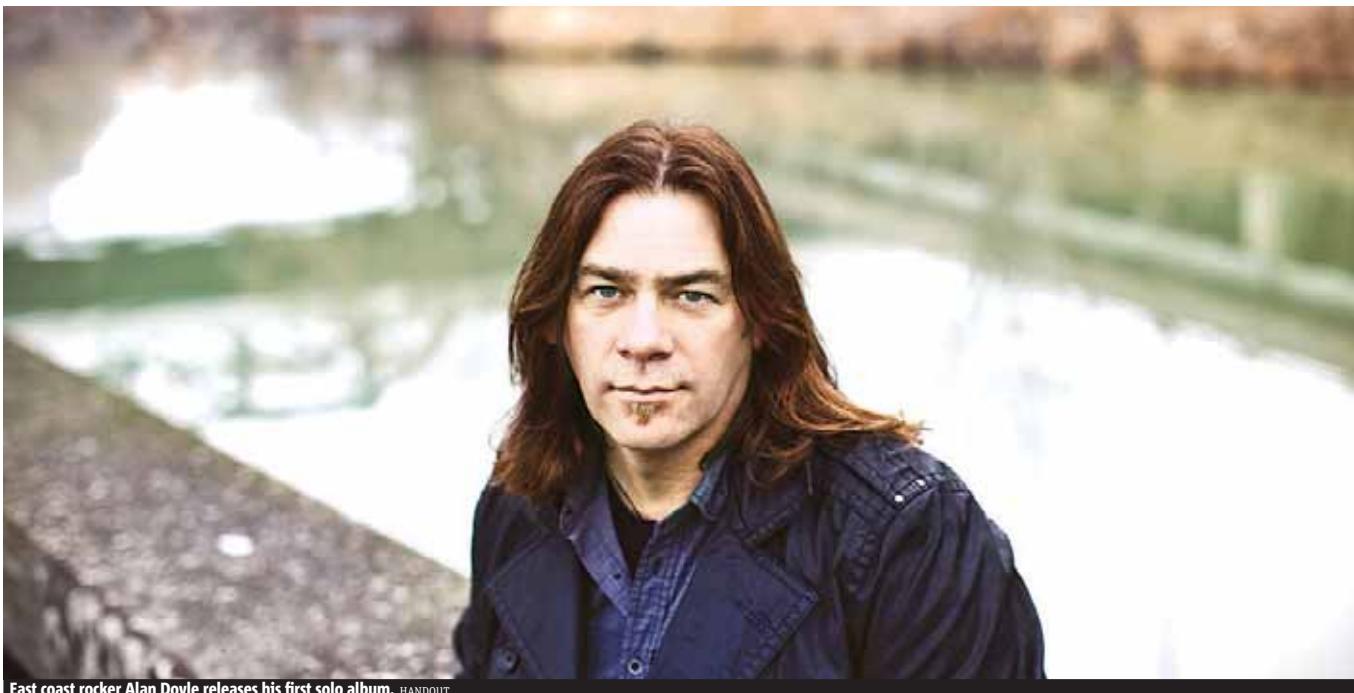
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East coast rocker Alan Doyle releases his first solo album. HANDOUT

# Boy on Bridge gives new voice to Great Big Sea's Alan Doyle

**Solo debut.** Unlike the jovial feel of many of GBS's hits, Doyle's album explores mature themes of mortality, loss and searching for beauty when it seemingly isn't there

 **BACKSTAGE PASS**  
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There are a few things I enjoy about living in the east coast: Seafood will never

**Quoted:**

**"The songs represent a lot of apologizing and lamenting break ups and the short span of your life."**

Alan Doyle, on the inspiration for his solo debut.

have to come from a freezer; denim is acceptable attire for all pubs; and somewhere on every party mix is a song by Great Big Sea.

With several past GBS ticket stubs in my collection, there has been a hole in my life since the boys decided park the bus after their latest tour last year.

Taking advantage of his time off, lead singer Alan Doyle recently put out his

first solo album, *Boy on Bridge*, which dropped last month.

Together since 1993, GBS decided to take a professional nap before their big 20th anniversary in 2013.

"We decided to not jam any other GBS project in before (the anniversary) and I started to do something different outside of the band," Doyle said.

"My first instinct was to

go and work with friends of mine that I've always wanted to work with."

Rifling through his rolodex, Doyle incorporated the bluesy sounds of Colin James and the lesser-known songwriting skills of Oscar-winning friend Russell Crowe into more mature sound.

Far removed from the jovial music that makes up the GBS catalogue, Doyle, now 43, decided to dedicate this album to grown-up reality "and trying to find the beauty in things that perhaps on the surface aren't that beautiful."

"Mortality begins to sink in during your 40s in a way I never would have expected

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**Scene in brief**

## Bynes charged with DUI

Los Angeles prosecutors have charged actress Amanda Bynes, 26, with driving under the influence roughly two months after authorities say she grazed a sheriff's patrol car in an early morning accident. Bynes was arrested April 6 after authorities say she scraped a patrol car making a turn. The misdemeanor complaint filed Tuesday alleges she refused to take a test at the time that could've determined whether she was drunk or under the influence of drugs. Because of her refusal, authorities may suspend her driver's licence for a year. Bynes appeared in the Nickelodeon series *What I Like About You* and the film *Easy A*.

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# What it's like to play the New Girl's (sometimes) guy

**Q & A.** New Girl's Jake Johnson gives us the low down on playing Nick next to Zooey Deschanel

**HEIDI PATALANO**  
Metro World News in New York

A year ago, most people didn't know who Jake Johnson was. Today, men are stopping him in the street to say, "What the f—k's your problem, dude? That's Zooey Deschanel, dude," as Johnson himself tells it. Since getting his big break on the Citytv sitcom New Girl, the 33-year-old has been routinely harassed for his character's wussy behaviour when it comes to his roommate and perennial lust-object Jess (Deschanel). The will-they,

won't-they quality of the relationship has drawn so much attention that #NickandJess became a trending topic on Twitter as the show approached its first season finale.

As Johnson sat down with us to promote his upcoming film Safety Not Guaranteed, co-starring Aubrey Plaza and Mark Duplass, he took some time to analyze the greatest twe-affair of our time.

**Metro: So, New Girl. You yell a lot on the show.**

**Johnson:** What I like about playing him is that I don't fully understand him. I know who Jess is. I know who Schmidt is. I'm starting to figure out who Winston is, but I don't know who Nick is and I think it's because — to get all deep and ridiculous — I don't think Nick has any idea who he is. He's wading through the madness of "f— man, I am 30 years old and I have not figured it out

and I'm not getting any closer." There's panic and that sucks, so he yells.

**What do you know about next season?**

**Nothing.** I don't think they know. I think the reality of our show is that a lot of it exists in between (series creator) Liz Meriwether's ears and she doesn't know yet.

**But your character and Zooey Deschanel's seemed to get closer at the end of the season.**

For my storyline, I think there was a Nick-Jess thing and then they went really far away from it. But I think that was Liz. I think she didn't want it for a while. She thought at the beginning, that it was turning too Nick-Jess. And she was like, "I don't want this to be a relationship show." But then I think she went in her own mental evolution of it, I think she was like, "well, I want

those characters to be together a little bit more." And so at the end of the season, they got really back together. People say, "Oh, I know exactly where the show's going. It's going to be this by season four." But I talk to Liz on a regular basis. We're friends. She doesn't have all the answers.

**Where do you want to see those characters go?**

I had times with Nick where I was like, "Eh, I don't like this guy." I know what he does. I enjoy playing him, but like, stop crying. Stop being so nasty. And that was the beginning of "this dude is way weirder than I imagined." And I like weird people, so I was like, "OK, OK, you're going to get weirdies aren't you pal?"

**Do you think Jess and Nick could work as a couple?**

They don't get along great, so in my opinion, they're more of



**Zooey Deschanel and Jake Johnson star in the sitcom New Girl.** HANDOUT

a Sam and Diane from Cheers where everything about Sam and Diane, they were opposites. Nick is a realist going towards pessimism, not infatuated with the world, does not think sparkles cure everything, does not sing and dance through life.

And Jess is, and they're both a little bit too far in one direction.

## Kendra's right where she wants to be

**MARY ANN GEORGANTOPOULOS**  
Metro World News in New York City

Fun-loving Kendra Wilkinson-Baskett, who captured fans' hearts on Girls Next Door and Kendra, is back — sans the drama.

The former Playboy model returns to the small screen with her new reality show, Kendra on Top, which premiered this week on WE tv in the U.S.

"This new season is completely different from my previous shows," says Wilkinson-Baskett. "Kendra on Top feels like a lighter and happier show. We're finally where we

want to be."

Wilkinson-Baskett and her family — husband and former NFL athlete Hank Baskett III, plus son Hank IV — faced some struggles during her last reality show on E!

"There was a gray cloud hovering over me," she says of Kendra.

But she's found her party-girl groove again now that she and her family have a home.

"We're stable and we're settled with an amazing two-year-old son. We have balance," she says.

Don't worry: Wilkinson-Baskett didn't forget the fact that her fans fell in love with

**Changing course**  
**"Moving around for my husband's career was hard. I couldn't be happy; I was miserable."**

**Kendra Wilkinson-Baskett**

her outrageous personality.

"I always kept in mind what people think of me," she says. "I'm bubbly and outspoken, and for a while I lost that. I was a victim of my husband's career. I'm back to being myself."

As for Little Hank? He's so good with other kids, "it's almost like he's asking for a brother or sister," she says.

"You can't give up. You have to know that there's a light at the end of the tunnel. Change is hard, but you have to play the game," she adds.

**Expanding the family?**

Wilkinson-Baskett says she and her husband have begun discussing having another child.

"There are no plans yet, but in a couple of months, why not?" she says. "Hank wants baby No. 2 more than I do."

As for Little Hank?

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**Former professional football player Hank Baskett and TV personality Kendra Wilkinson arrive at Spike TV's 6th Annual Guys Choice Awards at Sony Pictures Studios on June 2 in Culver City, Calif.** FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY IMAGES



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## Double the laughs. IFC will premiere Comedy Bang! Bang! and Bunk on Friday night

Back-to-back, IFC will soon be premiering what it bills as an anti-talk show *Comedy Bang! Bang!* and an anti-game show *Bunk*.

Anti this, anti that — but what they're clearly for is laughs.

It all starts Friday at 10 p.m. EDT with *Comedy Bang! Bang!*, the inconveniently punctuated twist on late-night talk hosted by Scott Aukerman, based on his podcast of the same name.

*CB!B!* is an absurdist blend of banter between Aukerman and his guests (first up: Zach Galifianakis, with whom Aukerman has previously teamed on the hilarious *Between Two Ferns* online videos), plus sketches, filmed shorts (such as a hidden-camera "gotcha" exposé called *Tsk-Tsk Attaboy* that's dumb enough to fit on *Dateline NBC*) and other flights of fancy (in the midst of one interview, Aukerman excuses himself to go feed the meter for his car, parked outside in a futuristic world at war).

Fluffy-coiffed Reggie Watts serves as the beats-generating one-man-band and affable side-kick. The show even launches with its own (falling-down-drunk) sommelier. And in a

stark departure from talk-show orthodoxy, no one is plugging anything.

Befitting Aukerman's status as an alumnus of the brilliant Mr. Show, *CB!B!* is tightly formatted and jammed with comic elements, yet loosey-goosey and demented.

While many of the bits are carefully prepared, "any time I'm talking to guests — even when Will Forte comes out as a deranged airline pilot — all of that is improvised," says Aukerman, speaking by phone from Los Angeles, where his 10-episode series is produced.

Improv is also the name of the game — literally — on *Bunk*, the companion series that follows at 10:30 p.m.

"It's a game show where none of the questions have answers, where the prizes the contestants are playing for are imaginary, and the scoring is random," says emcee Kurt Braunohler, proudly adding, "I choose the winner arbitrarily."

Braunohler, an improv performer and stand-up comic, presides over a trio of contestants each week who, by trade, are also up-and-coming comedians.

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Scott Aukerman and cohost Reggie Watts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Irwin kids star in YouTube animal show

### Growing Up Wild.

Bindi and Robert Irwin's new series tops YouTube Pet Collective

#### Quoted

"Every time we lose an animal species, it's like losing a brick from the house. Pretty soon, the house just falls over."

Bindi Irwin on her hopes that *Growing Up Wild* generates interest in conservation

Instead of an alarm clock, they wake to the sounds of elephants and tigers. They walk their dogs, but it's often to go see the crocodiles and echidnas. And when they worry, it is about creatures like the Tasmanian devil.

Robert and Bindi Irwin live in the centre of the 1,500-acre Australia Zoo near Brisbane, a thriving legacy to their late father and crocodile hunter Steve Irwin.

They are also the stars of *Growing Up Wild*, one of several pet series FremantleMedia plans for its new YouTube channel called *The Pet Collective*.

Bindi, 13, says she hopes the show generates interest in conservation because "every time we lose an animal species, it's like losing a brick from the house. Pretty soon, the house just falls over."

Robert, 8, wants people to know: "Not all animals actually make good pets. Be careful what animals you actually choose and always protect animals."

Fremantle, the company behind *American Idol*, *The X Factor* and the international *Got Talent* franchise, is already a huge YouTube partner, said Richard Vargas, senior vice-president of development and production for London-based Fremantle.

"There are over 3.2 billion views of Fremantle content on YouTube today," he said. "That's where our audiences are going, from TV to the new media world, so we are moving there as well."

The pet lovers channel and *Growing Up Wild* debuted on May 31. Through the week, *The Pet Collective* debuted other new shows like *The Litter*, the story of a litter of kittens narrated by Khloe Kardashian; *The Unadoptables*, looking at hard-to-adopt pets; and *Master & Pet*, a scripted comedy-drama about a woman and her cat who seems to be masterminding her dating life.

A new five-minute episode of each series will air weekly. There will be about 10 episodes in each series and they will remain in rotation for a year.

YouTube, owned by Google Inc., launched its original 100-channel initiative in 2011. Pets and their popularity seemed a perfect match for Fremantle and its production abilities, Vargas said. Some series will feature audience-produced video, but *Growing Up Wild* features TV-style production. "They are such an engaging duo. It's the Irwins naturally



Bindi and Robert Irwin pet an echidna. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

telling the camera and the audience their anecdotes about these animals. It's not like they are reading scripts or anything. They are really passionate about the subject," Vargas said.

After their episode on the red panda, "I wanted a red panda for myself," he said.

The kids talk a lot about Irwin, who died in 2006 when he was hit in the chest by a sting-ray's barb while snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef. They are proud of him and his accomplishments.

Both kids want to carry on his work, especially species preservation. Bindi is the teacher, Robert the paleontologist.

"My dad always said this and I thought it was very profound. He said, 'I always understand crocodiles because they will always try and kill you no matter what. You know what they're going to do because they are always going to try and kill you,'" Bindi said.

People might be trying to kill you too, she said, but "they

will try to be your friend first. You can always count on animals to do the same thing and have the same personality and you can trust that. It's a trait that some people don't seem to have."

Of all the animals at the zoo, Robert likes the crocodiles the best. There are more than 100 at the zoo, both salt and fresh water.

"They are almost like modern-day dinosaurs," he said, and while he likes them all, his favourite is a 16-foot-long beast named Acco.

Bindi, named after one of her father's favourite crocodiles, said she loves them and the snakes, but her favourites are the echidnas, animals that use their long noses and tongues to eat ants and termites. In what the zoo calls the echidna experience, visitors can put food on their toes and the animals will eat it. "It tickles and they laugh and it makes the best photos," Bindi said.

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# Japandroids fly high with new offering

**Celebration Rock.** The same style but a new confidence — indie rockers return with second album

Sometimes, an indie band riding a maelstrom of hype from a rough-hewn debut will get a little carried away on a sophomore record — producers are hired, edges are polished, bloat is tolerated. Not so for Japandroids.

Following breakthrough noise-pop pounder *Post-Nothing*, the band changed virtually nothing. *Celebration Rock* — in stores now — features the same two people recording in the same Vancouver studio with the same engineer, wrapping the same number of songs in the same comfortable coat of fuzz.

And it sure is fitting for a group that has made its name on anthems of arrested ad-



The Japandroids say they didn't need to change the formula to make a better record. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

lescence to greet musical maturity with stubborn defiance. But frontman Brian King says the band had simply grown so much in the past three years since releasing its debut, it didn't need to change anything else.

Most important of all? The man who describes the band's breakout debut as "sort of an accident" says he finally be-

came confident in what the duo was doing.

"When we were first starting ... we literally had no idea what we were doing. Arguably, we still don't," King said in a recent telephone interview from Vancouver.

"(But) we were confident that we had gotten so much better at not only writing songs, but also just playing our instru-

ments ... and that coupled with the fact that Jesse (Gander) is a light-years-better recording engineer now than he was three years ago, we just knew we didn't need to change the formula to make a better record."

And, it would seem, they were right. Early reviews have been every bit as breathless as the last-night-on-earth exuberance featured on the album, with taste-making Chicago zine *Pitchfork* lavishing the "awesomely inspiring" record with its rare "best new music" distinction and *Rolling Stone* calling the disc "one of the year's most thrilling rock records."

So yes, it'll all be familiar to fans of the duo's superlative debut. Guitars are strummed furiously, King hollers as if he can't physically contain the words any longer and somehow the band arrives at pop bliss more often than not, particularly on the wistful *Younger Us* and downright belligerent *The House That Heaven Built*.

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# Allure of Cronenberg's intimidating, poetic script is what drew Pattinson in

**Cosmopolis.** British star explains what it was like playing billionaire Eric Packer, a role he's won praise for

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When David Cronenberg wrote the *Cosmopolis* script he transcribed much of the dialogue directly from Don DeLillo's densely written novel. Those pages of complicated, lyrical conversation attracted the film's star, Robert Pattinson.

"I liked the poetry of this script when I first read it," he said. "My only idea was that it was really different to anything I had ever done and I thought I couldn't do it. That stuck to me afterwards and I thought that should be the way to choose

projects, or which projects to go after — the ones you don't understand, or the ones you are scared of. That generally means you'll end up being better afterwards."

The script was so finely tuned that barely a word was changed during the shoot. The 26-year-old *Twilight* star says he is used to script changes on other movies, but a modification to a line about a gun on the *Cosmopolis* set jarred his pacing.

"I remember the line was about the attachment above the trigger guard," he says. "But there was no attachment above the trigger guard (on the prop gun). I was so used to the rhythms of everything and suddenly it changed the rhythm of the entire scene. We were doing page-and-a-half long sequences and it was so in my head that to suddenly change it on the day threw me."

He's been winning praise for his strange, otherworldly performance as billionaire money manager Eric Packer.



Robert Pattinson says playing Eric Packer was really different from anything he'd done in the past. HANDOUT

but don't suggest he delved deep into his own psyche to create the man we see on screen.

He says the perception is that actors have "to be psychoanalysts," but that's just from the '50s. Before that actors

only thought about their face, and their voice and their movement.

"I think that's one of the things I have come away from this movie with, in terms of acting in general. You don't need to analyze things that

much. You don't need to understand it."

It's a complicated film, bursting with ideas and one very much open to interpretation and debate, but Pattinson would prefer to leave the psychological heavy lifting to

the audience. "I'm not a post modernist scholar," he says. Instead he remembers what drew him to the project in the first place — the dialogue.

"I like saying it," he says. "When I see clips I want to say the lines again. It's like eating."

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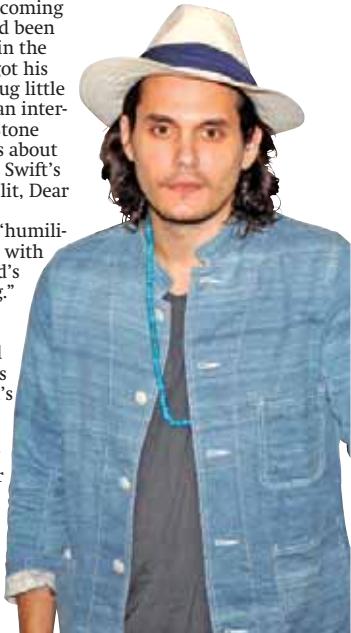
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## John Mayer is finally humiliated

With a new album coming out, John Mayer had been trying to play nice in the media — but he's got his foot back in his smug little mouth again after an interview with Rolling Stone in which he whines about ex-girlfriend Taylor Swift's song about their split, Dear John.

He calls the hit "humiliating," taking issue with the then 20-year-old's "cheap songwriting." "It's abusing your talent to rub your hands together and go, 'Wait till he gets a load of this!' That's bulls—."

Dude: Either un-write Your Body is a Wonderland, or stop talking right now.



Lady Gaga

## Elton John wants Gaga to eat more

Elton John is worried about Lady Gaga.

"She is frail, and she doesn't eat when she should, and she's a girl, and it's tougher for a girl," John tells the Guardian in an interview.

"She works really hard. She will be in Denmark one night and Saudi Arabia the

next. I know how tiny she is and I do worry about her, yes."

And John, who tapped Gaga to be the godmother to his 1-year-old son, isn't the only one concerned, he says: "I look at Gaga and I think, 'How does she do it?' I talk to her mom and dad about it. They worry."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

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### Why did Miley Cyrus want a ring on it?

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Although she's been rocking a sizable diamond on her left hand all spring, yesterday Miley Cyrus confirmed that she's engaged to actor Liam Hemsworth.

"I'm happy to share this news with you all. I feel like all my dreams are coming true," the 19-year-old tweeted yesterday.

The news comes after Cyrus took a break from recording and acting to spend time with Hemsworth, 22,

and do uncomfortable interviews about their sex life.

Now, why would a 19-year-old who is not pregnant or struggling with rent money get married?

Good question.

At first, we were worried good old-fashioned love still existed and had been listening this whole time, but it's not quite that simple.

You see, these two met on the set of *The Last Song*, a 2010 drama based on a novel by Nicholas Sparks — the same Nicholas Sparks who penned the most graphic of emotional girl porn, *The Notebook*.

At least she fell in rapid zombie love with a cute Australian actor and not the creepy guy sweeping up popcorn.



Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Summer wedding for Brangelina?

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are going to have a summer wedding, according to E!

"Word on the street is that Brad and Angie will make it official late this summer,"

Ryan Seacrest announced on his radio show, quoting E! News correspondent Ken Baker. Speculation still puts the location of the famous couple's nuptials at their estate in the South of France.

## McCarthy's son still misses Jim Carrey

Jenny McCarthy says the hardest part of her split from Jim Carrey has been how attached her autistic son, Evan, had gotten to the actor.

"I've tried to ask (Jim) numerous times (to see Evan), because my son still asks," McCarthy tells Howard Stern in an interview.

"I tell (Evan) that someday you'll cross paths, meet again, (but) it's hard. He's been in therapy. It's a process, he's working on it."

But McCarthy, who lets Evan watch Carrey's films, still thinks breaking up with Carrey was a good idea: "Jim's a dark guy," she says.



Jenny McCarthy

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## LIFE

### Fashion Flash

#### Anchorage, Alaska wins Worst Dressed title

Anchorage residents are apparently not dressing to impress. That's the upshot of Travel and Leisure Magazine's reader poll, which put the residents of Alaska's largest city at the bottom when it comes to being on the top of style. The magazine ran an online poll asking readers to rank 35 American cities on such things as best nightlife, best burgers, best New Year's Eve celebrations, etc. By a three-tenths of a point, Anchorage landed just below Salt Lake City for having the worst-dressed residents.

"I think it's a little ridiculous, to be honest," said Hillary Walker, the assistant manager at lulu e bebe fashion boutique in Anchorage. "I think dressing well is about feeling comfortable, experimenting, expressing yourself through your clothing. I think people in Anchorage do a great job with that."

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### On the Web



Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen named best womenswear fashion designers



California-based designer Trina Turk PROVIDED

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# Banana peels off layers, slips into summer

### Republic of Turk.

Fashion's princess of poolside helps brighten up brand

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Her bold use of colours, graphic patterns and classic silhouettes are favoured by the likes of Hollywood starlets Kristen Bell and Leighton Meester. And this summer the rest of us can add a coveted Trina Turk piece or two to our wardrobes without breaking the bank, thanks to a partnership between the California designer and Banana Republic.

The result is a limited-edition summer capsule collection, made up of nearly 60 pieces (think flirty dresses and printed tunics) embodies the laid back yet chic southern California resort esthetic captured in Turk's design philosophy.

Here, the fashion doyenne shares some sage summer fashion advice:

### What colours should women incorporate into their wardrobe to stay on trend this summer?

Summer is an opportunity to lighten up and wear colour. I'm definitely expecting to see orange and turquoise as two of the

### Sunny silhouettes

"I love mixing drapey fabrication with more tailored pieces."

Designer Trina Turk

top colours. I also love the combination black and white prints mixed with bright coloured tops or bottoms.

### What should women who are self-conscious about baring their arms and legs wear during warm weather?

Bringing in a fun printed maxi dress or lightweight blouse in bright colours or a graphic print allows you to celebrate the ease and sophistication of summer with pieces most flattering to your silhouette.

The three-quarter sleeve Wren blouse in the Pisces print and the black and white zappy zebra printed tunic top are done in lightweight fabrics that work well in the heat of summer.

### Do you follow any fashion rules? If so, can you share a few?

The most important fashion rule is to figure out the silhouettes that flatten your body type and stick with them. Some trends will be great for you, others



### Top 3

## Trina Turk's Summer Essentials

She loves the versatility of a bold printed dress, a bright tailored pair of shorts and breezy blouses.

"They can take you from poolside to cocktail parties to city soirees throughout the summer months," says Turk.

not. You don't have to jump on every trend bandwagon that comes along.

### If someone could only buy two items from your capsule collection which ones would you recommend and why?

You definitely want to get at least one dress and one accessory piece. There are six great dresses in a variety of styles, prints and colours. If I had to pick one it would be the one-shoulder "Chai" dress that we did in the blue Coachella print.

My favourite accessory of this collection is the enamel bangle that comes in several great colour combinations.



Canadian supermodel Coco Rocha lounges in a piece from Banana Republic by Trina Turk. PROVIDED

# The door's painted personalities

**Decor ideas.** Ever wonder what message the colour of your front door sends?



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Colour is a powerful way to send messages, whether on the clothing we wear, the furnishings and decor we choose or the colour we paint our front door. Since that entranceway is the welcome entry into our homes, choosing the right colour is a way to welcome company and to tell people a little bit about ourselves.

With that in mind, here's a few trending colours, what they say about you and where you should live if you like a particular colour.

Red



The colour you choose for your front door can tell people a lot about you.  
Best purple: Wine Country Frost OR-473, Benjamin Moore. ORIGINSPAIN.CA

Open to change

## Picking the perfect front-door colour

Look at the body of your house and its colour overall. Is it reddish-brown, orange-brick, beige or grey? Your front door should be an opposite colour in order to stand out and look special. For instance, if your house is an orange-brown brick then choose a green colour for

Gives a punch that says you have energy, passion and presence. A great colour to ward off potential break-ins, but not so great in a quiet, gated community.

Orange

You are not extravagant and rather frugal. You are an attention seeker but a very warm and exciting person. Great for a community/neighbourhood counsellor or leader.

Black

Likely, you are serious, traditional and strong; someone with substance lives inside your house. But black can also mean mourning, old and death. It's the perfect colour for downtown or stately living.

Green

You are a promoter of good health and good luck, but green can also mean jealousy. Great for young families as it also indicates fertility and stress-free living. Good colour

for a farm or country house.

Brown

You like isolation and privacy when you're home. It also indicates you are reliable. Brown is a great colour for living in a high-density

Best red: Rich Burgundy OR-186

Best green: Velvet Moss OR-338

Best blue: Blue Hibiscus OR-413

townhouse or a condo.

Yellow

You are cautious and careful. But yellow can also stir anger and frustration as it fatigues the eye due to the amount of light it reflects. It's great for

family homes with young school children.

Purple

You are the emotional type. Wealth, wisdom, exotic and artificial are other words that describe the colour purple. Good for

an older person.

Blue

You are secure, safe and trustworthy. Blue can evoke sadness and aloofness and is the colour of weight loss. Good colour for a single person looking for a mate.

DRAWING FROM THE COLOUR PALETTE FROM ORIGINS BY BENJAMIN MOORE (ORIGINSPAIN.CA), HERE'S A FEW OF THE BEST COLOURS TO PAINT THE FRONT DOOR:



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## Ingredients

- 5 ml (1 tsp) each ground cumin, oregano, chili powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) sea salt
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) cilantro
- 500 g (1 lb) boneless skinless turkey fillets
- 1/2 small red onion, sliced
- 2 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 2 jalapenos, sliced
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) cider vinegar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sugar
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 500 ml (2 cups) shredded cabbage
- 8 flour tortillas (15 cm/6 inches diameter)
- Garnishes: cilantro sprigs, lime wedges, avocado slices

1. In a resealable bag, combine cumin, oregano, chili powder, salt, oil, cilantro, rubbing to make paste. Add turkey and shake to coat. Let sit 30 mins.

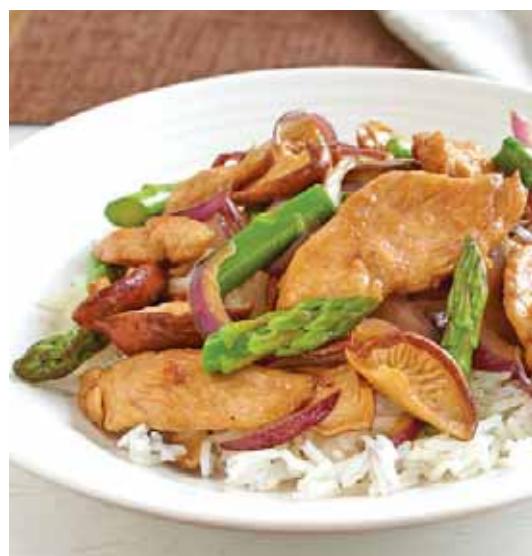
2. In another bag, combine onion, carrots, jalapenos, vinegar, sugar and salt. Let sit at room temperature 30 mins, tossing.

3. Grill turkey over medium-high heat until cooked through, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to cutting board and let rest for 5 minutes before slicing.

4. Toss carrot mixture with cabbage. Divide turkey and cabbage among warmed grilled tortillas. Garnish with cilantro and avocado and serve with lime wedges and coarse salt.

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## Turkey, Asparagus & Shiitake Sauté. Zesty eats



1. In a bowl, combine turkey with baking soda, cornstarch and soy sauce. Stir to ensure all the turkey is coated. Let sit for 10 minutes.

2. In skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat and brown turkey pieces. Transfer to plate. Stir garlic chili sauce into the same skillet until fragrant, 30 seconds. Stir in ginger for 30 seconds. Add onion and cook until softened, 3 mins. Add mushrooms, stirring often, until golden and lightly softened, about 2 minutes.

3. Pour in broth, scraping any brown bits from pan. Add asparagus, turkey with any accumulated juices and hoisin; stir to combine. Cover, reduce heat to simmer and cook for 3 minutes or until turkey is no longer pink inside, asparagus is tender crisp and the sauce has

slightly thickened. THE CANADIAN PRESS/MAKEITSUPER.CA/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA

## Ingredients

- 500 g (1 lb) boneless, skinless turkey breast, in strips
- 5 ml (1 tsp) each baking soda and cornstarch
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) soy sauce
- 10 ml (2 tsp) vegetable oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) garlic chili sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) grated fresh peeled ginger root
- 1 onion, sliced
- 500 ml (2 cups) sliced shiitake mushroom caps
- 250 ml (1 cup) turkey broth
- 500 ml (2 cups) chopped asparagus
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) hoisin sauce

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# Moose close to acquiring over-age forward



Victoriaville Tigres forward Stefan Fournier. CONTRIBUTED/VICTORIAVILLE TIGRES

The Halifax Mooseheads are closing in on a deal to acquire over-age forward Stefan Fournier from the Victoriaville Tigres for draft picks, Metro has learned.

The six-foot-three, 192-pound right-winger just completed his fourth QMJHL season, recording 32 goals and 33 assists for 65 points in 64 games, and is one of six frontline 20-year-olds the Tigres are shopping around the league.

Fournier has the size, skill and grit the Mooseheads covet in their bid to replace departed captain Cameron Critchlow. The deal is expected to cost the Mooseheads third-

and eighth-round draft picks.

Deals can't be announced until the trade period opens on Friday and Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell had no comment on the move when reached on Wednesday. He did say he expects a busy couple of days on the trade front.

"It'll start to pick up now because you don't really know what you need until you see what you've lost on expansion day," Russell said. "Now that that's over, we can start talking to other teams about players and start moving in that direction."

Tigres GM Jerome Meson-

ero would only confirm he's looking to move three of his six over-agers by the end of draft weekend.

Up for grabs are two 40-goal scorers, Brandon Hynes and Philippe Halley, three 30-goal scorers, Fournier, Philippe Maillet and Yannick Dube, and 50-point defenceman Jeremie Blain.

"There is no doubt we will choose three to play for us and trade three of them this week," Mesonero said. "We are in the process of listening to offers and we hope we're going to finalize the trades later this week."

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO

## Abeltshauser may be back with Moose

There's a chance defenceman Konrad Abeltshauser will be back with the Halifax Mooseheads as an over-ager next season. Although the San Jose Sharks signed him to a three-year deal in April, there's a clause that will see him paid \$10,500 at the junior level. Abeltshauser had 44 points in 57 games last season and was named the team's top defenceman. For more on the story, visit the Q Files blog at metronews.ca/qfiles.

# 'Core still intact' after expansion draft: Moose GM

**QMJHL.** Defenceman Shewfelt, forward prospect Sills head to Sherbrooke

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The Sherbrooke Phoenix went for the Halifax Mooseheads' young depth in the QMJHL expansion draft but left the veteran core of their team intact.

Sherbrooke began laying the foundation for its first season in the QMJHL by selecting 28 players from 17 existing teams on Wednesday morning in Quebec City, including defenceman Mitchell Shewfelt and forward prospect Alexandre Sills from the Mooseheads.

Several more seasoned veterans were believed to be available, although the Mooseheads' 16-man protected list wasn't made public.

"It's tricky business when you're trying to build and compete and then there's an expansion draft," said Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell. "Moving forward, it's good to see the core of the team is still intact so that's a positive for us."

Although Sills has never played a game for the Mooseheads, Shewfelt, a Halifax native who is entering his 18-year-old season, was coming off a solid rookie campaign that saw him record two goals, five assists and a plus-8 rating in 56 games.

But with at least six defencemen ahead of him on the depth chart in Halifax, a move to Sherbrooke provides

the former Dartmouth Subways standout an opportunity to earn significantly more ice time with three years of QMJHL eligibility remaining.

"It's hard to see him go, being a local guy, a guy who competed for us every opportunity he got, but at the same time, hockey's a business and it's a great opportunity for him," Russell said. "It's all about playing, and he'll have a better opportunity to play in Sherbrooke than he would have in Halifax."

Sills, who is entering his 17-year-old season, was a fifth-round pick (79th overall) of the Mooseheads in 2011 and had 16 goals and 15 assists for 31 points in 41 games with Amos of the Quebec midget AAA league.

Russell liked what he saw from the six-foot-two 177-pounder at training camp in August before Sills left to retain his NCAA eligibility.

"At the end of the day, we just didn't have enough spots to protect him," Russell said. "Alex has a great career ahead of him. He's a (former Mooseheads forward Francis) Turbie type of player. He's a really smart player, good defensively."

Also picked were former first-round pick Brent Turnbull of Stellarton from the Bathurst Titan and P.E.I. Rocket forward prospect Alex Hazelhurst from the Halifax Titans major midget squad.



Metro reporter Matthew Wuest will be at the QMJHL draft in Quebec City this week. Follow his coverage via @metroqfiles on Twitter or metronews.ca/sports.



Halifax native Mitchell Shewfelt was selected by the Sherbrooke Phoenix in Wednesday's QMJHL expansion draft.

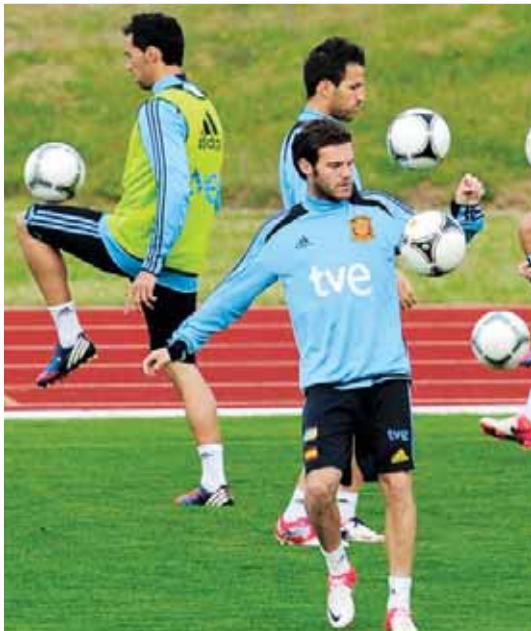
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## On the web



**Brian McNamee,** Roger Clemens' former strength coach, testified in Clemens' perjury trial last month that because of his wife's nagging, he brought medical waste from a steroids injection of Clemens home in 2001. But Eileen McNamee testified Wednesday that her estranged husband said he was saving things for his "protection." Scan the code for the story.

# Euro 2012 players told to 'go out and entertain us'



Spain's Juan Mata kicks the ball near fellow teammates during a training session Wednesday in Gniezno, Poland. ALVARO BARRENTOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Soccer.** UEFA president hopes scrutiny can finally shift from host nations to the matches on field

Now, finally, UEFA President Michel Platini wants the players to take centre stage when the European Championship kicks off on Friday.

Soccer has almost been ignored during a turbulent five years for Poland and Ukraine as they sought to vindicate UEFA's decision to take its showpiece 16-nation tournament to eastern Europe.

Now the former France great, who captained and coached his country, wants the teams to seize the headlines.

"I say to the players, 'Go out and entertain us,'" Platini said on Wednesday. He spoke at the National Stadium in Warsaw — one of many rebuilding projects delivered behind schedule — where Poland will open Euro 2012 against 2004

## Racism response

- Platini promised that referees will stop European Championship matches if players suffer abuse from fans, as questions on racism in Poland and Ukraine dominated a news conference Wednesday to launch the tournament.
- Platini said UEFA has empowered referees to "temporarily stop the game and finally cancel the game if this racism keeps rearing its head."

champion Greece.

"What I would like now after (five) years of work, is to be able to calmly watch the games, to give the ball over to the players and let them get on with it," said Platini, who lifted the trophy in 1984.

The potential storylines are rich and deep for arguably the best international tourna-

ment.

Can World Cup winner Spain become the first nation to successfully defend its European title, and further define an era of Barcelona-inspired greatness?

Will a still-young Germany team overcome the Spain-shaped obstacle which keeps blocking its title runs?

Can the Netherlands rediscover its "Total Football" roots and reconnect with neutral fans dismayed by its negative, aggressive tactics that marred the 2010 World Cup final loss to Spain.

Platini echoes the popular wisdom that two favourites stand above the rest.

"These are Germany and Spain if they play at 100 per cent of their level," Platini told reporters. "If they don't, there are a lot of teams which can beat them." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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## World Cup

Canada enters historically tough qualifying phase

As one of the veterans of Canada's men's soccer team, Dwayne De Rosario would obviously love to play in a World Cup before he calls it a career.

The 34-year-old from Toronto spoke of not letting an opportunity slip away two days before Canada opens its next phase of qualifying at Cuba.

"You never know when it will be your last chance," De Rosario said at BMO Field on Wednesday.

The 77th-ranked Canadians play No. 145 Cuba in Havana on Friday. Canada failed to survive this stage for the 2010 cup after picking up just two of nine possible points at home and losing all three games on the road. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Dwayne De Rosario  
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Devils refuse to bow out of cup final without a fight

Put the coronation on hold.

The Los Angeles Kings will have to wait at least three more days for another shot at becoming true hockey royalty after Adam Henrique kept New Jersey alive in the Stanley Cup final. His late goal secured a 3-1 victory for the Devils in Game 4 on Wednesday.

The New Jersey rookie, who scored in overtime to end the Eastern Conference final, showed poise in kicking the puck up to his stick before beating Jonathan Quick high at 15:29 of the third period.

That forced cup keepers Phil Pritchard and Craig Campbell to put the trophy back in its case. Game 5 of the final goes Saturday in Newark, N.J.

Until the late winner, this series had the feel of a sweep.

Game 4	
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Fans came ready to celebrate what would have been the first championship for the Kings in their 45-year history and there was reason to believe they'd deliver after methodically storming through the playoffs.

New Jersey's Patrik Elias and the Kings' Drew Doughty traded third-period goals in an entertaining game before Henrique bagged the winner. Ilya Kovalchuk scored into an empty net. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Adam Henrique scores a past goaltender Jonathan Quick in the third Wednesday in Los Angeles. JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES

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## NBA

### Thunder book their spot in finals

Kevin Durant had 34 points and 14 rebounds while playing all of regulation for the first time all season, and the Oklahoma City Thunder claimed a spot in the NBA finals

by beating the San Antonio Spurs 107-99 on Wednesday night.

Russell Westbrook added 25 points for the Thunder, who trailed Game 6 of the Western Conference finals by 18 in the first half and erased a 15-point halftime deficit before pulling ahead to stay in the fourth.

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## MLB

### Morrow gets 3rd shutout of season

Brandon Morrow pitched a two-hitter and Jose Bautista and Rajai Davis homered Wednesday as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Chicago White Sox 4-0. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Graduations



**Graduate 2012**

**Amanda Rose Harnish**

Les and Colleen Harnish and brother Chris of Cow Bay are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter Amanda. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Norma Lindsay of Eastern Passage. Amanda has received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Dalhousie University on May 28, 2012. She has accepted a placement at the QEII Halifax Infirmary site on the Cardiology unit. Amanda's family and friends wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

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